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SUBJ: MAOIST ODEMIS-IZMIR MARCH

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1. UPWARD OF 200 MAOIST-ORIENTED DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN THEIR 120 KM MARCH DEC 8 CARRYING PLACARDS DENOUNCING "FASCISM AND SOCIAL FASCISM" AND AVERRING "NEITHER AMERICA NOR RUSSIA--MEDITERRANEAN FOR THE MEDITERRANEANS". ACCORDING PRESS, AS MARCH PROGRESSED SOME DROPPED OUT AND OTHERS JOINED IN. DAY PASSED WITHOUT MARCH-RELATED INCIDENT AND DEMONSTRATORS OVERNIGHTED AT TIRE. ACCORDING TURKISH POLICE, SOME 200-250

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SET OUT DEC 9 ON SCHEDULE EN ROUTE TO TORBALI. MARCHERS EXPECTED TO REACH IZMIR AROUND NOON OF DEC 11. ACCORDING TO US AGENCY WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTING SEPARATELY ON MARCH-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, POLICE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CLAIM BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE IZMIR CROWD ESTIMATES BUT APPEAR DOUBTFUL THAT ORGANIZERS WILL MUSTER SUBSTANTIAL PERIPHERAL SUPPORT. AS SAME US SOURCE HAS REPORTED, TURKISH POLICE SOURCES HAVE STATED THEY DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY ORGANIZED PHYSICAL ANTI-AMERICAN INCIDENTS.

2. INQUIRY TO IZMIR RPP PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT BULGUN RE SPONSORS AND PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEMONSTRATION PRODUCED EMPHATIC, "THEY'RE MAOIST--NO ONE IN THE RPP WILL HAVE ANY-

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THING TO DO WITH THEM"* WE SUSPECT BULGUN'S ATTITUDE WILL BE

COMMUNICATED TO LOCAL PARTY MEMBERSHIP INCLINING MORE RADICALLY-
INCLINED YOUR ORGANIZATION.

3. AMCONGEN STAFF SOUNDINGS OF AEGEAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND
STUDENTS HAVE ELICITED UNANIMOUS RESPONSE THAT FEW STUDENTS
WILL SUPPORT THE DEMONSTRATION, WHICH SOURCES REGARD AS
EXTREMIST AND THREATENING TO INTERESTS OF NON-EXTREME LEFT.
INTERESTINGLY, TWO SOURCES, THEMSELVES MODERATE LEFTISTS,
SUGGESTED ORGANIZERS WERE "AGENT PROVOCATEURS" (A POSSIBILITY WHICH

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WE DISCOUNT). WE OBTAINED COPY OF AMATEURISHLY MIMEOGRAPHED ONE-
PAGE UNATTRIBUTED LEAFLET, WHICH IS BEING DISTRIBUTED AT
ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY, WHEREIN MARCH ORGANIZERS
ARE DENOUNCED AS "IMPLEMENTING THE ORDERS OF THE DOMINATING CLASSES"
(AGAIN THE AGENT PROVOCATEUR THEME), AS "SOCIAL DEMOGOGUES" AND
"BETRAYERS OF YOUTH, MARXISM-LENINISM AND REFORM". THE LEAFLET
PROMISES THAT AEGEAN "WORKERS, YOUTH AND ALL PATRIOTS WILL NOT
PARTICIPATE" IN THE DEMONSTRATION. (WE DO NOT EXCLUDE POS-
SIBILITY THAT THE LEAFLET, DESPITE ITS LEFTIST VERNACULAR, MAY
HAVE BEEN CONCEIVED BY GOVT AUTHORITIES OR RIGHTISTS.)

4. LEFTIST DEMOKRAT IZMIR IN DEC 9 COVERAGE OF THE DEMO DE-
CLARED THE "MARCH THEMES WERE OF NO INTEREST TO STUDENTS".

5. FOREGOING COMMENTARY TAKEN TOGETHER WITH TURNOUT OF PRE-
VIOUS LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS LEADS US TO SUSPECT ACTUAL
PARTICIPATION IN DEC 11 IZMIR DEMONSTRATION MAY BE BELOW 1000,
I.E. SMALL BY IZMIR STANDARDS, AND MARCH ORGANIZERS ARE APT
TO AVOID DISCREDITING THEMSELVES BY ASSOCIATING MARCH WITH ORGANIZED
ANTI-US/NATO VIOLENCE. NONETHELESS, TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAVE
PROMISED US HEAVY SECURITY COVERAGE, INCLUDING IN BX/COMMISSARY
VICINITY, AND LOCAL US COMMUNITY HAS BEEN WARNED TO AVOID

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DEMONSTRATION.

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